



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

September 2013

**Next Meeting Saturday, 10 AM, Sep 14th
Shelter Bay Community Center
1000 Shoshone Dr, La Conner**

Directions: I-5 to exit 230/Hwy 20, turn left on to LaConner Whitney Rd. (at the Farm House Restaurant). Continue until you reach the roundabout, go left on to Morris St. Right on to Maple St which turns into Pioneer Parkway. Continue on Pioneer Parkway across the bridge. Just after the bridge, turn left on to Shelter Bay Drive. Turn left on to Shoshone Dr. , the Community Center will be on your left.

GARRETT HACK IS COMING!

Don't miss our next meeting Saturday, 10 AM, Sep 14th at the Shelter Bay Community Center, 1000 Shoshone Dr, La Conner, WA 98257 (**Directions at top of Newsletter.**) Garrett Hack, long time contributing editor for Fine Woodworking Magazine, will be our guest. Garrett will demonstrate how to complement hand and power tools in a process he calls WORKING SMART, in other words, how to work efficiently, make fewer mistakes and have a lot more fun! He will be demonstrating throughout his talk, answering questions and concluding with how to make scratch stocks. Garrett charges more than our normal speakers, so we will be charging **\$10 for admission**. We have about 50 people committed so far and our limit will be 100, so **please make a reservation** by mailing your \$10 to Doug Duehning, 150 Swinomish Dr, La Conner, WA 98257, or email Jerry Couchman, sofa01@hotmail.com. **It's important that you do this soon** because we are also offering this special event to other woodworking clubs. This is a rare opportunity for us to learn from one of America's leading woodworkers and furniture makers. **IMPORTANT NOTE: NO BRING AND BRAG, OR LIBRARY EXCHANGE, BUT THERE WILL BE SIGN UP LISTS FOR THE INITIAL CLASSES IN OUR 2013-2014 EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Garrett's website is <http://garrethack.com/> and for more on Garrett, here is a great link to Fine Woodworking detailing his work and lifestyle:

[http://www.finewoodworking.com/item/108594/garrett-hack-furnituremaker-and-farmer?
utm_source=email&utm_medium=eletter&utm_content=fw_eletter&utm_campaign=fine-woodworking-eletter](http://www.finewoodworking.com/item/108594/garrett-hack-furnituremaker-and-farmer?utm_source=email&utm_medium=eletter&utm_content=fw_eletter&utm_campaign=fine-woodworking-eletter)



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Life's journey has many twists and turns. There will be choices along the way - some good, some bad, some unexpected.

I joined the club soon after moving to Bellingham. I began taking classes and using the library. I learned we have many talented, knowledgeable members who will share generously. It can be hard to put yourself out there; but, I brought some items to Bring N' Brag. Any anxiety about showing my work to a group of woodworkers disappeared. People asked me about the wood and techniques I used and offered suggestions to my questions about how to do things better. A door opened.

At a meeting, the newsletter editor emphasized it is OUR newsletter and submissions were welcome. I submitted some short "Tips and Tricks" articles about things I was doing in the shop. It only took a little time and I thought it might be helpful for others. People still ask me about these. The road had a fork in it.

Somebody invited me to a board meeting in the hopes of selling me on filling an At Large Board Member position. Naturally I wondered if it would be too much of a burden having sat through my share of useless meetings. And this is a volunteer organization; usually they are the worst. But I accepted. I liked the club and the people. The At Large position did not have any specific duties but I endeavored to contribute my ideas and undertake special projects. I got more than I bargained for. It was extra work for me; but, the reward of helping the club proved greater. I made a choice, I made a difference. The road has curves.

Later, our then V.P. stepped down for various reasons. I was asked if I would serve out his term as V.P. I knew where this was going. With trepidation, I agreed; but, I got over it quickly. These were the same people who welcomed me into the club and made it the great club it is. A few months later I was asked if I would be willing to serve as President. More work? Definitely. More reward? Definitely. Once again the journey took a twist.

The year has been interesting for this "accidental" President. We are at a cross road and sure could use some help in a variety of areas. The newsletter has unfortunately been a one man, now woman show. We could use some proof readers. How about some contributions about what you are doing in your shop? Not doing anything interesting, how about writing about what others are doing? Membership needs people. Our membership is spread out geographically. Why not be the first to meet the new members? Help keeping the membership roster is time consuming, especially if only one person is doing all the data entry. We could use help setting up the audio/visual equipment. We have been upgrading the equipment to make the meetings more enjoyable and need more people trained in their use so we are not reliant on a single person.

Soon we will be asking people to help lead the club into the future and we need your help. You and the club will be better for it. A journey of 1,000 miles starts with the first step.

Andrew Pellar

HANDS-ON SCRATCHSTOCK SESSION

There wont be room for everyone to make a scratch stock with Garrett, but if you want to participate, you need to bring materials and tools. MATERIALS: Garrett recommends old Woodmiser bandsaw blades, old hand saw blade, scraper-type material — all spring temper hardness and fileable. **HEAVY** shears to cut it would be great but we can cut it other ways. Small wood blocks to hold cutters (1" x 1" by 3" roughly.) **TOOLS:** flat mill file to flatten, round chain saw files to shape bead profile, any diameters, or other shaped files. Sharpening stones (1000 grit, 6000 grit, any type) to hone profile. Garrett has some slip stones that work for the beads. We will need a backsaw that makes a kerf slightly smaller than the blades. This is tricky. Usually a carcass or tenon saw, or cheaper backsaw (with a slightly larger kerf). Saw depends on material we use to make blades. Wooden handscrews or other clamps to hold steel and places to work. Wooden handscrews work very well as vises.

Name Tags should be worn at the meetings. It will cost you a \$1.00 if you don't wear it.



Folks having fun at the annual picnic at Val and Laura Matthews Place



ANNUAL PICNIC

Thanks once again to Val and Laura Matthews for hosting the picnic at their idyllic property. The turners took their turn at the grill this year. The weather was unsettled at first; but, no rain would dampen this crowd. The clouds parted and the sun shone upon the festive crowd.

Attendance was modest but enthusiastic. The many and varied side dishes were sampled with gusto and disappeared as quickly as the grilled food did.

The fellowship was as good as the food. A chance to meet the spouses and friends of our fellow members was nice. Stories were swapped and ideas were traded as the afternoon progressed.

The afternoon wound up with the silent auction where many bargains were to be had and concluded with Phil Choquette energizing the crowd with the drawing of the Toys For Tots Raffle. We were able to raise some money. Thanks to the all who donated.

And thanks to all that attended and the many who helped.

– Andrew Pellar.

WEBSITE REVIEW

guildoforegonwoodworkers.com

Based in Portland, OR, this group of energetic woodworkers have created one of the most interesting and informative websites I've seen. All topics are covered thoroughly, with many links. For example, there is a very complete listing of Email addresses for most woodworking clubs in the U.S. Many classes are offered in various formats. The most outstanding feature of this group is the September opening of their shop near downtown Portland. Please take time to review the many photos of this facility, and their many features of woodworking topics of interest!

Jerry Anderson

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Classes for upcoming year are being finalized. Here's the first three month segment:

Sept. 20 & 21: MAKING ROUTED BOXES & BOWLS - Chuck Robertson, at his shop.

Sept. 28: SELECTING & PREPARING WOOD FOR PROJECTS – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop.

Oct. 12: BASIC WOODWORKING – Bill Baer at his shop.

Oct. 19: **FALL SHOP TOUR**

Oct. 26: ROUTER BASICS – Jim Hickey, shop to be announced.

Oct. 26: MAKING SHOOTING BOARDS – Jerry Anderson & Al Ashley at Jerry's shop.

Nov. 2: BOX MAKING (WITH LEGS) – Jim Bucknell at his shop.

Nov. 9: BOX MAKING (DOVETAIL MITERED CORNERS)– Jerry Couchman at his shop. *Class is full.*

Nov. 16: WOOD STAVE BUCKET OR WISHING WELL – Bill Baer at his shop.

The rest of the classes will be posted on the NCWA calendar in the near future.

Remember, members may sign up for only 3 classes in any 3 month segment.

Your \$5.00 class fee must be paid to confirm your place in a class.

Signup sheets will be available on Sept. 14th at Garrett Hack's program.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair

Education Committee

360-770-8559

WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

The 37th Annual Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival will be taking place Friday, Sept. 6th through Sunday, Sept. 8th. Featuring more than 300 wooden vessels, dozens of indoor and outdoor presentations and demonstrations, a who's who of wooden boat experts and thousands of wooden boat enthusiasts, there's something to do, someone to meet, or a boat to board at every turn. As part of the festival, the Port Townsend School of Woodworking has organized a series of free woodworking presentations by Jim Tolpin, Chris Schwarz, Garrett Hack, and many others. See http://www.ptwoodschoo.com/wooden_boat_festival_2013.html for the compete presentation schedule. In addition, Lee Valley Tools and Lie-Nielsen Toolworks will be exhibiting at the festival, with their complete lines of hand tools available to try out.



VENDER SUPPORT GROUP

NORTH:

Hardware Sales	2034 James St., Bellingham	360-734-6140	hardwaresales.net
Stockton's Paints	1413 Railroad Ave., Bellingham	360-733-5630	
Targo Woods	1401 "E" Street , Bellingham	360-738-9140	Targowoods.com
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St, Bellingham	360-676-1025	

WEST:

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave., Anacortes	360-293-4575	Sebos.com
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SOUTH:

Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway Everett	425-259-3134	Martinlumbereverett.com
Arlington Hdw & Lbr	215 N. Olympic Ave. Arlington	360-435-5523	arlingtonhardware.com

CENTRAL:

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Dr. Mt. Vernon	360-336-2855	Karlspaints.com
Mt. Vernon Bldg Cent.	815 Roosevelt Way Mt. Vernon	360-424-9073	
Sound Cedar	2600 Cedardale Rd. Mt. Vernon	360-424-4548	Soundcedar.com

SPECIALTY:

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd. Port Townsend	360-385-7878	Edensaw.com
Hartville Tool	Catalog only	800-345-2396	Hartvilletool.com
Rockler Woodworking	3823 Stone Way Seattle	206-634-3222	Rockler.com
Woodworker's Supply	Catalog only	800-645-9292	Pro.Woodworker.com
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave. Seattle	206-767-6394	

Coming Events

September 11th 7:00 PM
September 14th 10:00 AM
October 1st 7:00 PM

Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
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The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in wood-working, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 150 Swinomish Dr., LaConner, WA 98257. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 1110 35th St., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to ives_kathy@yahoo.com or call 360-299-1137 (evenings and weekends)

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